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GOV. EASLEY AND KANSAS GOVERNOR WAGER ON NCAA FINAL FOUR GAME
North Carolina Barbecue, Cheerwine At Stake In UNC's Semifinal Match-Up Against Kansas

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley and Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius today agreed to a “friendly wager” on the outcome of Saturday’s NCAA Men’s Basketball tournament semifinal contest between the UNC Tar Heels and the Jayhawks of the University of Kansas. At stake is a pound of eastern North Carolina barbecue from Wilbur’s in Goldsboro and a pound of western barbecue from the Barbecue Center in Lexington, along with the fixings and a case of Cheerwine. Sebelius has countered with a barbecue dinner for four, including ribs and brisket and other Kansas products.

“Not only is North Carolina home to the finest basketball team in the nation, we also have the best barbecue in all the land,” Easley said. “I am as confident that UNC will advance to play for the national title as I am that I will be enjoying ribs and brisket from Kansas while cheering on the Heels in the NCAA championship game.”

Gov. Sebelius is confident her Jayhawks will be victorious against North Carolina. “It has been a spectacular season for the Jayhawks and I look forward to our victory on Saturday night and then I’ll continue celebrating with a taste of North Carolina barbecue,” she said.

UNC, the number one seed in the East, plays Kansas, the number one seed in the Mid-West, in San Antonio, Texas on Saturday, April 5 at 8:47 p.m.

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